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SUBJECT: CHAD CHRONICLE: SEPT 8-12, 2008

TWENTY-TWO (22) RFC OFFICERS RETURN TO NDJAMENA

11. FOLLOWING SIGNATURE ON AUGUST 18, 2008 OF A PROTOCOL ANNEXED TO THE SIRTE ACCORD, 22 OFFICERS FROM THE REBEL "RASSEMBLEMENT DES FORCES DE CHANGEMENT" (RFC) ARRIVED IN NDJAMENA TO BEGIN REINTEGRATION INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE. THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY COLONEL ISAACK BACHAR TOGOU, RFC'S DEFENSE COMMISSIONER. HE DECLARED THAT OTHER SOLDIERS OF HIS GROUP WITH 80 VEHICLES ARE CAMPED NEAR IRIBA, WAITING FOR THEIR REINTEGRATION IN THE CHADIAN NATIONAL ARMY OR CIVIL SERVICE. COMMENTING ON THE NOW EX-REBELS, MR. ADBDERAHMAN MOUSSA, NATIONAL MEDIATOR, SAID THAT THEIR WISE DECISION SHOULD INSPIRE OTHER CHADIANS WHO ARE STILL IN REBELLION. HE HOPED THAT OTHER GROUPS WOULD IMITATE THE RFC IN DAYS TO COME. COLONEL TOGOU WAS ONE OF THE REBEL CHIEFS CONVICTED BY THE GOC RECENTLY AND SENTENCED; TOGOU'S REHABILITATION INDICATES THAT THE GOC IS FLEXIBLE IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE CPDC REACTS TO THE INVESTIGATION REPORT

12. IN A PRESS RELEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2008, MEMBERS OF THE "COORDINATION DES PARTIES POUR LA DEFENSE DE LA CONSTITUTION" (CPDC - COORDINATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION) DEPLORED THE FACT THAT THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY EVENTS FAILED TO SHED LIGHT ON THE FATE OF THE COORDINATION'S SPOKESPERSON, MR. IBNI OUMAR MAHAMAT SALEH. THE CPDC OBSERVED THAT IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT MR. SALEH WAS KIDNAPPED BY MILITARY OFFICERS ACTING UNDER THE DIRECT ORDERS OF PRESIDENT DEBY. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO THE CPDC, DEBY AND THE "POWERS THAT TRAIN THE CHADIAN ARMY AND PROVIDE ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS USED TO PERPETRATE BIG-SCALE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS" (I.E. THE FRENCH) SHOULD TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT MR. SALEH'S FATE. THE CPDC APPEALED TO FRENCH PRESIDENT NICOLAS SARKOZY TO INTERVENE IN ORDER TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH. THEY VOWED TO UNDERTAKE JUDICIAL ACTION, INCLUDING BEFORE INTERNATIONAL COURTS TO INSURE THAT THESE ACTS DO NOT REMAIN UNPUNISHED.

CHAD ENGAGES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

13. THE CHADIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HELD A 5-DAY SEMINAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON TERRORISM. THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANIZED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DRUG AND CRIME OFFICE (UNDCO). IT WAS OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 8 BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR ALINGUE BAWOYEU. SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS REVIEWED CHADIAN LAWS IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL LAWS ON TERRORISM. THEY EXPLORED U.N. SECURITY

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS ON AL-QAIDA, THE TALIBAN, ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, MR. ALINGUE DECLARED THAT THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO "EXAMINE EXTRADITION AND JUDICIAL COOPERATION MECHANISMS, EITHER BETWEEN COURTS OR THROUGH INTERPOL." HE PROMISED THAT ADDITIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS WOULD BE ORGANIZED FOR CHADIAN MAGISTRATES AND MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL POLICE.

WORLD BANK PULLS OUT OF CHAD-CAMEROON PIPELINE PROJECT

14. THE WORLD BANK ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 9 THE WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPATION IN FINANCING THE CHAD-CAMEROON PIPELINE BECAUSE THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT FAILED TO USE OIL REVENUES FOR POVERTY REDUCTION. THE BANK REPORTED THAT THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT FULLY PREPAID THE PIPELINE-RELATED LOAN AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2008. THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BANK FOLLOWS YEARS OF TENSION FOLLOWING WITH THE INITIAL AGREEMENT IN 2001 TO FINANCE CHAD'S AND CAMEROON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TWO PIPELINE COMPANIES, A SMALL PART OF THE OVERALL FINANCING OF THE PIPELINE PROJECT. NONETHELESS, THE BANK OFFERED TO CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH CHAD "IF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHAD WISHES TO FOCUS ITS ENERGIES ON A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT TO OVERCOME POVERTY, ASSIST DISPLACED PEOPLE, IMPROVE GOVERNANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS TO ACHIEVE RESULTS." IN REACTION TO THIS DECISION, THE CHADIAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND PLANNING, MR. MATTAR BREME, DECLARED THAT "CHAD HAS NOT, IN ANY WAY, DECIDED TO CUT RELATIONS [WITH THE WB]. THERE HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING THE OIL REVENUE LAW... OUR PARTNERS HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN THAT AGREEMENT. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO

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CONTINUE COOPERATION OUTSIDE THE OIL SECTOR."

OXFAM ACCUSES UN-EU FORCES OF FAILING TO PROTECT CIVILIANS

15. OXFAM CHARGED THAT THE UN-EU PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN CHAD IS UNABLE TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY'S CIVILIANS DUE TO A COMBINATION OF DELAYS, BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES, AND LACK OF COORDINATION. THE PEACEKEEPING MISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2007 COMPRISES A UN POLICE-GOVERNANCE-HUMAN RIGHTS COMPONENT, MINURCAT (IN CHARGE OF SECURITY INSIDE THE CAMPS), AND THE EU MILITARY FORCE, EUFOR (IN CHARGE OF GENERAL SECURITY). OXFAM WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF MINURCAT, NOTING THAT JUST 320 CHADIAN POLICE HAVE BEEN TRAINED SO FAR. "THIS LAW AND ORDER VACUUM HAS RESULTED IN MUSHROOMING ATTACKS ON AID WORKERS AND CIVILIANS AS BANDITS REALISE THEY CAN ROB AND KILL WITHOUT FEAR," OXFAM SAID. OXFAM'S HUMANITARIAN POLICY ADVISER, ELISE FORD, SPEAKING FROM BRUSSELS, URGED THE E.U. TO "TAKE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE WHOLE, NOT JUST EUFOR."

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